

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2009

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended October 17, 2009, there were 520,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan during October 2009, a decrease of 1,200 from September 2009 and 1,000 less than the number employed in October 2008.

Agricultural employment was 46,700 persons in October 2009, up 500 from the September 2009 level and 5,600 more than the October 2008 agricultural employment level of 41,100. Non-agricultural employment was 473,900 persons in October 2009. This is a decrease of 1,700 from the September 2009 non-agriculture employment level of 475,600 and 6,600 less than October 2008.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2009 was 4.4 percent. This is an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the September 2009 rate of 4.0 percent and 1.1 percentage points higher than the October 2008 level of 3.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,200 to 544,700 persons in October 2009 from 543,500 persons in September 2009. This is 5,500 more than the October 2008 labour force of 539,200 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 69.6 percent in October 2009 from 69.5 percent in September 2009. The October 2008 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.8 percent.

There were 24,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2009. This is an increase of 2,400 from September 2009 and is 6,500 more than the number unemployed in October 2008.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 517,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2009, up 800 from the September 2009 level of 516,900 and is down 1,800 from the October 2008 employment level of 519,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2009 was 5.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.7 percentage points from the September 2009 rate of 4.6 percent and 1.4 percentage points higher than the October 2008 rate of 3.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 8,100 persons in October 2009 to 16,909,400 persons from 16,901,300 persons in September 2009. In October 2008, there were 17,270,700 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate was 7.6 percent, no change from the September 2009 level of 7.6 percent. In October 2008, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.6 percent in October 2009. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than September 2009 and 2.3 percentage points higher than the October 2008 level of 6.3 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2009	September 2009	October 2008	Change from	
				Last Month	Last Year
<u>CANADA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,300.6	18,297.1	18,303.3	3.5	-2.7
Employed ('000)	16,909.4	16,901.3	17,270.7	8.1	-361.3
Full-Time ('000)	13,687.8	13,726.8	13,995.1	-39.0	-307.3
Part-Time ('000)	3,221.7	3,174.5	3,275.6	47.2	-53.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,391.1	1,395.8	1,032.7	-4.7	358.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.6	5.6	0.0	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	8.6	8.4	6.3	0.2	2.3
Participation Rate (%)	66.7	66.8	67.7	-0.1	-1.0
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	544.7	543.5	539.2	1.2	5.5
Employed ('000)	520.6	521.8	521.6	-1.2	-1.0
Full-Time ('000)	423.8	426.7	425.4	-2.9	-1.6
Part-Time ('000)	96.8	95.1	96.2	1.7	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	24.1	21.7	17.6	2.4	6.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.0	3.3	0.4	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	4.6	3.9	0.7	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.5	69.8	0.1	-0.2
<u>ALBERTA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,115.3	2,119.1	2,109.6	-3.8	5.7
Employed ('000)	1,966.6	1,981.1	2,035.4	-14.5	-68.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,618.3	1,633.1	1,696.7	-14.8	-78.4
Part-Time ('000)	348.2	347.9	338.7	0.3	9.5
Unemployed ('000)	148.7	138.0	74.2	10.7	74.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	6.5	3.5	0.5	3.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.5	7.1	3.7	0.4	3.8
Participation Rate (%)	73.3	73.5	75.0	-0.2	-1.7
<u>MANITOBA</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	640.2	639.9	633.3	0.3	6.9
Employed ('000)	607.9	609.0	609.3	-1.1	-1.4
Full-Time ('000)	489.9	490.3	495.1	-0.4	-5.2
Part-Time ('000)	118.0	118.7	114.2	-0.7	3.8
Unemployed ('000)	32.3	30.9	24.0	1.4	8.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.8	3.8	0.2	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	5.3	4.3	0.5	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.1	69.4	0.0	-0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>October 2009</u>	<u>September 2009</u>	<u>October 2008</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	544.7	543.5	539.2	1.2	5.5
Male	292.1	290.4	288.2	1.7	3.9
Female	252.6	253.1	251.0	-0.5	1.6
15-24 Years of Age	92.9	93.2	97.0	-0.3	-4.1
25+ Years of age	451.9	450.3	442.2	1.6	9.7
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	520.6	521.8	521.6	-1.2	-1.0
Male	278.5	279.3	278.2	-0.8	0.3
Female	242.1	242.5	243.4	-0.4	-1.3
15-24 Years of Age	83.4	85.3	89.6	-1.9	-6.2
25+ Years of age	437.2	436.5	432.1	0.7	5.1
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	24.1	21.7	17.6	2.4	6.5
Male	13.6	11.1	10.0	2.5	3.6
Female	10.6	10.6	7.6	0.0	3.0
15-24 Years of Age	9.4	7.9	7.5	1.5	1.9
25+ Years of age	14.7	13.8	10.1	0.9	4.6
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	4.4	4.0	3.3	0.4	1.1
Male	4.7	3.8	3.5	0.9	1.2
Female	4.2	4.2	3.0	0.0	1.2
15-24 Years of Age	10.1	8.5	7.7	1.6	2.4
25+ Years of age	3.3	3.1	2.3	0.2	1.0
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	69.6	69.5	69.8	0.1	-0.2
Male	75.7	75.3	75.7	0.4	0.0
Female	63.6	63.8	64.1	-0.2	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	66.9	67.1	69.5	-0.2	-2.6
25+ Years of age	70.1	70.0	69.9	0.1	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	<u>October</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	46.7	46.2	41.1	0.5	5.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.2	24.8	25.2	0.4	0.0
Utilities	4.7	4.5	5.9	0.2	-1.2
Construction	41.1	41.2	41.9	-0.1	-0.8
Manufacturing	26.7	27.4	29.9	-0.7	-3.2
Trade	77.3	79.6	82.3	-2.3	-5.0
Transportation and Warehousing	25.1	26.0	23.7	-0.9	1.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.8	27.9	28.4	-0.1	-0.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.3	21.1	21.6	0.2	-0.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.1	13.3	12.6	-1.2	-0.5
Educational Services	41.7	41.0	41.8	0.7	-0.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	67.9	66.5	63.6	1.4	4.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.8	19.2	18.5	0.6	1.3
Accommodation and Food Services	29.3	28.7	31.6	0.6	-2.3
Other Services	23.8	24.1	22.8	-0.3	1.0
Public Administration	30.2	30.2	30.8	0.0	-0.6
Total	520.6	521.8	521.6	-1.2	-1.0
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	423.8	426.7	425.4	-2.9	-1.6
Part-Time	96.8	95.1	96.2	1.7	0.6
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	418.1	422.6	425.7	-4.5	-7.6
Public Sector	134.4	132.4	132.4	2.0	2.0
Private Sector	283.7	290.2	293.4	-6.5	-9.7
Self-Employed	102.5	99.2	95.9	3.3	6.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>October</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,909.4	16,901.3	17,270.7	8.1	-361.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	214.8	224.3	221.0	-9.5	-6.2
Prince Edward Island	71.6	72.3	70.2	-0.7	1.4
Nova Scotia	458.4	453.6	462.1	4.8	-3.7
New Brunswick	373.1	374.2	371.1	-1.1	2.0
Quebec	3,858.1	3,858.1	3,912.5	0.0	-54.4
Ontario	6,573.1	6,534.5	6,754.6	38.6	-181.5
Manitoba	607.9	609.0	609.3	-1.1	-1.4
Saskatchewan	520.6	521.8	521.6	-1.2	-1.0
Alberta	1,966.6	1,981.1	2,035.4	-14.5	-68.8
British Columbia	2,265.2	2,272.5	2,312.9	-7.3	-47.7

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)

Canada	7.6	7.6	5.6	0.0	2.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.2	12.7	12.4	2.5	2.8
Prince Edward Island	9.5	9.1	9.7	0.4	-0.2
Nova Scotia	8.1	8.9	6.7	-0.8	1.4
New Brunswick	7.1	6.6	7.8	0.5	-0.7
Quebec	7.3	7.7	6.5	-0.4	0.8
Ontario	8.1	8.4	5.9	-0.3	2.2
Manitoba	5.0	4.8	3.8	0.2	1.2
Saskatchewan	4.4	4.0	3.3	0.4	1.1
Alberta	7.0	6.5	3.5	0.5	3.5
British Columbia	7.7	6.9	4.9	0.8	2.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	<u>Aug-Oct</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Jul-Sep</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Aug-Oct</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
CANADIAN CITIES					
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
St. John's	8.4	8.6	7.0	-0.2	1.4
Halifax	6.8	7.2	5.2	-0.4	1.6
Saint John	5.4	5.9	6.5	-0.5	-1.1
Quebec	5.2	5.2	3.9	0.0	1.3
Montreal	9.0	9.4	7.2	-0.4	1.8
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.6	5.7	5.1	-0.1	0.5
Greater Sudbury	10.1	10.5	5.8	-0.4	4.3
Toronto	9.5	10.4	6.9	-0.9	2.6
Winnipeg	6.0	6.1	4.8	-0.1	1.2
Regina	5.5	5.5	4.1	0.0	1.4
Saskatoon	4.3	4.9	4.1	-0.6	0.2
Calgary	7.0	7.1	4.0	-0.1	3.0
Edmonton	7.8	7.8	3.4	0.0	4.4
Vancouver	7.4	7.3	4.5	0.1	2.9
Victoria	6.8	6.6	3.8	0.2	3.0
SASKATCHEWAN					
<u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u>					
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	155.2	156.3	157.1	-1.1	-1.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.5	54.3	54.3	-0.8	-0.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	174.2	175.5	169.4	-1.3	4.8
Yorkton-Melville	41.1	41.0	41.8	0.1	-0.7
Prince Albert & Northern	97.3	96.0	98.7	1.3	-1.4

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3 Month Moving Average)

	Aug-Oct 2009	Jul-Sep 2009	Aug-Oct 2008	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>TOTAL POPULATION</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	545.8	549.6	542.3	-3.8	3.5
Employed ('000)	518.5	521.0	519.5	-2.5	-1.0
Unemployed ('000)	27.3	28.6	22.8	-1.3	4.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.2	4.2	-0.2	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	70.4	70.4	-0.6	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	66.3	66.7	67.4	-0.4	-1.1
<u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	507.4	509.8	501.3	-2.4	6.1
Employed ('000)	485.9	487.2	483.3	-1.3	2.6
Unemployed ('000)	21.5	22.6	18.1	-1.1	3.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.4	3.6	-0.2	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	71.0	70.7	-0.4	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.6	67.8	68.1	-0.2	-0.5
<u>ABORIGINAL</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	38.4	39.8	40.9	-1.4	-2.5
Employed ('000)	32.6	33.8	36.2	-1.2	-3.6
Unemployed ('000)	5.7	6.0	4.7	-0.3	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.9	15.1	11.5	-0.2	3.4
Participation Rate (%)	60.9	63.3	66.5	-2.4	-5.6
Employment Rate (%)	51.8	53.7	58.9	-1.9	-7.1
<u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	14.8	15.9	17.2	-1.1	-2.4
Employed ('000)	11.5	12.3	14.2	-0.8	-2.7
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	3.6	3.0	-0.3	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	22.2	22.5	17.7	-0.3	4.5
Participation Rate (%)	51.9	56.1	62.0	-4.2	-10.1
Employment Rate (%)	40.4	43.5	51.0	-3.1	-10.6
<u>METIS</u>					
Labour Force ('000)	23.6	23.9	23.5	-0.3	0.1
Employed ('000)	21.1	21.4	21.9	-0.3	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.4	1.7	0.1	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.4	10.2	7.0	0.2	3.4
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	69.2	70.5	-0.8	-2.1
Employment Rate (%)	61.3	62.2	65.6	-0.9	-4.3

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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